GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CLEANING OF YAMUNA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon`ble Supreme court has issued directions on August 4, 2004 for setting up a committee to suggest measures to cleanse the polluted Yamuna river in a bid to give a fresh lease of life to the dying Yamuna as the efforts made over a decade have yielded no results;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said committee has been set up;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of its members; and

(e) by when the committee is to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(e): In a Writ Petition (Civil) No. 725/1994 regarding Newsitem published in Hindustan Times titled `And Quiet Flows the Maily Yamuna` the Hon`ble Supreme Court has ordered the constitution of a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development with officers, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, from the Ministry of Environment & Forests (Government of India); Government of National capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD); Delhi Jal Board (DJB); Delhi Development Authority (DDA); Municipal corporation of Delhi (MCD); New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC); Delhi Cantonment Board; Delhi Small Industries Development Corporation (DSIDC) and the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. Shri Ranjit Kumar, Amicus Curiae would also be assisting the Committee. The committee has been asked to prepare an Action Plan suggesting the mode and manner in which the quality of water can be improved and steps and measures required to be taken by various authorities and submit the same to the Hon`ble Court within a period of six weeks.